

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Yasuhiko (nmi) Aoki et al.  
Serial No.: 10/629,021  
Filing Date: July 28, 2003  
Group Art No.: 2633  
Confirmation No.: 7632  
Examiner: Dzung D. Tran  
Title: Optical Network with Sub-Band Rejection and Bypass

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.